

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 842

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Bain Harkey, Jr., of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Bain Harkey, Jr., of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, John Harkey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 8, 1945, in Roxboro, North Carolina, Dr. Harkey was the son of Edna and John Harkey, Sr.; he was raised in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Walterboro, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, John Harkey earned a coveted nomination to attend the Air Force Academy, from which he graduated in 1967, having made several lifelong friends through his squadron; and

WHEREAS, following college, Dr. Harkey met the love of his life, Kathleen, and the couple married in December of 1968; and

WHEREAS, two months later, he departed to serve in special operations in Vietnam and Korea for two years, during which time he and his beloved wife wrote daily letters to each other; and

WHEREAS, John Harkey returned home after finishing his service and then moved to Nashville, where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Sociology from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harkey was a gentleman of many talents and interests; he published an environmental magazine, *The Cumberland Journal*, and started his company, Harkey and Associates, which managed healthcare in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harkey was an active and respected resident of the Nashville community for more than fifty years, and his core values of environmentalism and healthy living fostered a change in the city's walkability; he served as a board member for Walk/Bike Nashville and earned two lifetime achievement awards. He was also active in Greenways for Nashville; and

WHEREAS, John Harkey was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he was a devoted and loving husband, a doting father and grandfather, and a loyal friend to those who were blessed to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harkey will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his son, Wil (Papri) Harkey; his daughter, Kate (Chris) Kenney; his brother, Bill (Maureen May) Harkey; his sister, Rosanne (Charlie) Lovely; his grandchildren, Weston, Benny, Emerson, Ellie, and Morgan; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-four years, Kathleen; and

WHEREAS, John Harkey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional businessman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Bain Harkey, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Harkey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.